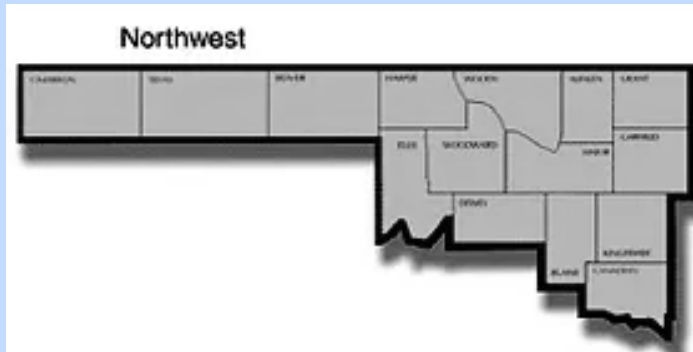


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OUR PURPOSE

Supporting families and child care providers in our northwest communities.

OUR VISION

All northwest Oklahoma families have access to quality care and education for their children through community-based resource and referral services.



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**CDSA Child Care
Resource & Referral**

We offer *support, training, and resources* to licensed child care providers. CCR&R staff names and contact information are listed to the left.

You can find our Roles & Responsibilities on the last page of the newsletter. The page provides details of the ways in which CCR&R consultants can assist you. [Download the page here](#) to write your consultant's contact information on and keep it handy for when you have a question or need assistance.

We can also connect you with partner resources such as CECPD, Warmline, Autism Foundation of Oklahoma, Health Department, OKDHS CCS and other early childhood resources available in the region.

Give us a call or send us an email if you are in need of assistance.

**JOIN OUR
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RESOURCE &
REFERRAL
FACEBOOK
PAGE**



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CDA Renewal Amnesty

The Renewal Amnesty window is open now through April 2027, designed for educators whose CDA lapsed but whose classroom experience never stopped counting. Renewing isn't just paperwork; it's what keeps doors open for where your career goes next.

If it's been a while, now's the time:
<https://bit.ly/3SLzw9E>

CDSA CCR&R TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Visit our website for provider training.

<https://nwoklachildcare.org/provider-trainings/>

Cultivate Network (centers) and Thrive Network (FCCH) events can be found under the respective tabs on our [website](#).



Click [here](#) to find information on Safe Sleep trainings.

Is your **CPR** about to expire?

[CPR Process Document Download](#)

BUSINESS SUPPORT



Save Money with OK Shared Services Savings Programs

Take advantage of exclusive discounts on products and services specific to early childhood.

Vendor programs include everything from classroom supplies and indoor and outdoor equipment to facility services, uniforms, food ordering and delivery, and payroll and HR management.

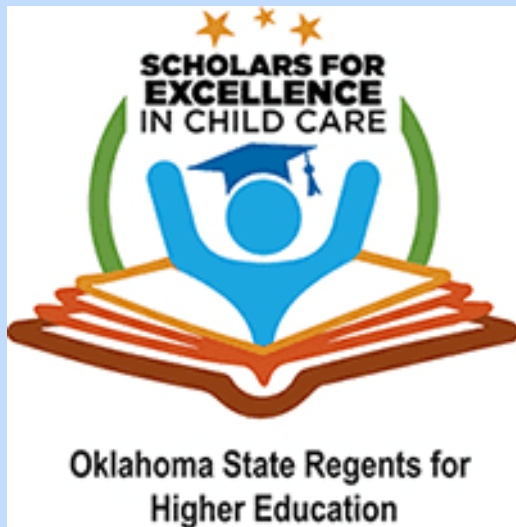
<https://www.oksharedservices.org/saving-money/all-savings-programs/>



PARTNER RESOURCE LINK

Scholars for Excellence in Child Care

Now offering the associates degree option again.



[Click for brochure](#)
with information
or reach out to:

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ADVOCACY & POLICY



**Save the Date
Ink Day
at the Capitol
April 1, 2027**

This is an opportunity to join other early childhood advocates, educators, parents, and child care providers in advocating for policies that support the child care workforce serving families with young children.

Sponsored by Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness and other early childhood partners. More information coming soon!

REGULATIONS & POLICIES

Safe Sleep Training Change

340:110-3-284. General qualifications, responsibilities, and professional development

(d) Professional development.

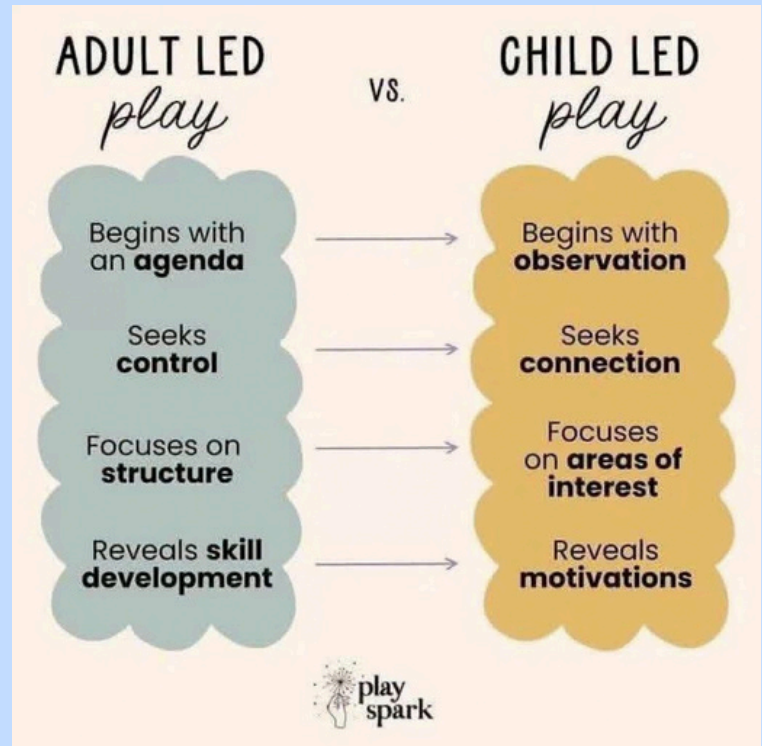
Personnel meet the general professional development requirements in (1) through (9) of this subsection.

(4) Safe sleep. Prior to caring for infants, personnel obtain formal professional development in safe sleep practices. Effective November 1, 2026, when caring for infants, this professional development is also obtained every 12 months.

BEST PRACTICE & RESOURCES

**Adult led play vs. Child led play
from Play Spark**

This graphic is a great visual to help remind us of what each type of play looks like. Ideally 50% or more of the activities should be child led.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Tele-health and Tele-Therapy
Child care professionals, their employees and their dependents can seek medical advice anytime, anywhere without a copay!

Use Qr code or click on it to find out more and enroll.



COMPLETE YOUR UPDATE IN MINUTES USING OUR FORM

Help families learn more about your program
by keeping your information up to date.

<https://form.jotform.com/262223954418156>

Thank you for helping us provide families with
accurate, up-to-date information about child
care programs in our region!

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También disponible en español

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN UPDATE YOUR PROGRAM'S INFORMATION ONLINE!

Watch a video on how to update your information in
the state database that families use to search for
child care.

[Watch Video](#)



To create an account, click on the
UPDATE button.

CHILD CARE LICENSING

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NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING A NETWORKING GROUP?

Through networking, child care owners and directors can share ideas, strategies, and practices that enhance their business knowledge and leadership skills.

Networking groups also create a support system where members can exchange advice, discuss challenges, and find encouragement in the often-demanding field of early care and education.

Join one of our networking groups!

Contact Jesse at 580-231-6255.



Visit our [Thrive Network page](#) for information on upcoming training/network events for FCCHs.

Visit our [Cultivate Network page](#) for information on upcoming training/network events for center administrators.

For more information about network meetings, please contact:
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All Consultants

- Conduct in-person visits regularly and follow up as needed to support and mentor.
- Observe and give feedback specific to the program's needs, such as lesson plans, interactions, and best practices.
- Provide training and mentoring using helpful tips to set goals and make action plans.
- Help programs navigate and understand accreditation, QRIS, and licensing requirements.
- Connect families and providers with community resources.
- Support teachers by using best practices in classroom management and behavioral support such as Pyramid Model framework and Conscious Discipline curriculum.



Child Care Consultant (CC)

All the duties listed above specializing in children ages 3+

- Supports curriculum planning, health and safety, and ways to keep children engaged.
- Shares helpful behavior and guidance strategies to support positive child development including individualized plans.
- Classroom management skills, such as room arrangement.

Your local CCR&R office is:



Child Care Resource & Referral

CCR&R, a program of CDSA

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Business Consultant (BC)

Specializes in Leadership and Business Practices

- Helps improve budgeting, financial records, hiring, and HR.
- Provides support with grant writing, fundraising ideas, and finding helpful community resources.
- Shares tools and resources to help your program run more smoothly, such as Brightwheel.
- Provides guidance on strengthening daily operations.
- Provides mentorship to enhance leadership development.



Infant Toddler Consultant (IT)

All the duties listed above specializing in children ages 0-3

- Observes caregiver interactions and daily routines to support strong relationships.
- Provides guidance on infant and toddler development and responsive caregiving.
- Helps design safe, engaging environments.
- Implements training for safe sleep practices, health and safety, and curriculum planning.

My CC: _____

My IT: _____

My BC: _____

My HC: _____



Hispanic Consultant (HC)

All the duties listed above specializing in Hispanic outreach.

- Provides support in Spanish.
- Translates tools, resources, and training materials when needed.
- Fosters connections between the child care provider, DHS, and the Hispanic community.



Child Care Referrals

If a family is moving or needs alternative care options, they can call a referral specialist at **1-800-438-0008 (Para Español 405-525-8783)** or search online at www.stage.worklivesystems.com/parent/23 for potential options that meet their individual needs.